

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Mr. Chariman - I'm sure the government is looking for additional funding and you're probably tired of hearing people say they don't want to pay anything, but in your leadership role as Chairman of the FCC, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a fix for any problems with the Universal Service Fund.

I am a retiree and have the cell phone only for an emergency in my car or if a health emergency should overtake me when on foot. The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair; consumers like me would not have to pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance if at all.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who actually plan to make no long distance calls except in an emergency would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers. Think of the fee as a user fee. The more the use, the more the fee. But the less the use, the less the fee. I could live with that.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and good luck in your new position.

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